

American Jobs First Platform Levels Playing Field for American Workers, Strengthens Consumer Protections

Washington, DC – The House Committee on Energy and Commerce moved two pieces of the Populist Caucus' *American Jobs First Platform* one step closer to passage today. The bills, the *National Manufacturing Strategy Act (H.R. 4692)* and the *Foreign Manufacturers Legal Accountability Act (H.R. 4678)*, were marked up by the Committee on Energy and Commerce and now await a vote on the House Floor.

"This legislation will create the framework for a safe, forward-thinking manufacturing industry that puts American workers and consumers first," Populist Caucus Chairman Bruce Braley (D-Iowa) said. "Enforcing product safety and identifying how our nation's manufacturing strategy can improve and grow will ensure the United States is at the forefront of the global economy. Today's consideration of these bills is an important step forward in passing legislation that will create local, good-paying jobs for middle class workers in America."

The Populist Caucus has endorsed both pieces of legislation as part of the *American Jobs First Platform*, designed to put struggling Americans back to work and on a level playing field with workers in other countries.

A brief summary of the legislation being considered today is below:

H.R. 4692, the National Manufacturing Strategy Act would require the Administration to convene an interagency Manufacturing Strategy Task Force to examine the current domestic and international environment for U.S. manufacturing and to develop a National Manufacturing Strategy that includes recommendations to sustain and increase employment, increase global

competitiveness, and increase resilience to global economic trends in the U.S. manufacturing sector. This bill seeks to proactively create and sustain good American manufacturing jobs.

H.R. 4678, the Foreign Manufacturers Legal Accountability Act would require foreign manufacturers doing business in the U.S. to identify a registered agent authorized to accept service of process on behalf of the manufacturer. Registering an agent would constitute an acceptance of jurisdiction of the state in which the agent is located.

For more information about the *American Jobs First Platform*, click [here](#).